

THE MARION TRUST COMPANY.

JUNE 17, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. FAIRBANKS, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2388.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2388) for the relief of the Marion Trust Company, administrator of the estate of Samuel Milliken, deceased, of Indianapolis, Ind., for services rendered as mail contractor on route No. 9704, between Paducah, Ky., and Iuka, Miss., in the year 1861, have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do pass.

The facts in this case will be found stated in a letter of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department filed with the committee, copy of which is hereto appended and made a part of this report.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF AUDITOR FOR THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., May 19, 1897.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, relative to the claim of Mr. Samuel Milliken, of Indianapolis, Ind., for mail service performed by his father in the State of Kentucky in 1861, I have the honor to inform you that the records of this office show that Samuel Milliken, deceased, was mail contractor on route No. 9704, from Paducah, Ky., to Iuka, Miss., in 1861; that he was paid in full to March 31, 1861, and that a balance stands to his credit for service from April 1 to June 6, 1861, the date to which service has been certified, amounting to \$901.92.

This claim was reported to Congress in 1883 for appropriation, but no provision has yet been made for its payment. Many of this class of claims were paid by the Confederate States government, but the Confederate records (mutilated) now in the custody of this office do not show, so far as they go, that any payment was made to Mr. Milliken for service under his contract with the United States.

Reports similar to the above have been made to Hon. Jesse Overstreet, to Hon. George W. Steele, House of Representatives, and to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury December 14, 1896.

Very respectfully,

HENRY A. CASTLE,
Auditor.

Hon. C. W. FAIRBANKS,
United States Senate.